SECTION 441

RETROREFLECTIVE PREFORMED PLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKINGS

441.1 GENERAL: This work shall consist of furnishing and installing retroreflective preformed plastic pavement symbols, legends, stripes and markings in compliance with the specifications and the details shown on the plans at the locations shown on the plans, or as established by the ENGINEER.

441.2 REFERENCES

441.2.1 American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Standard Specifications, Latest Edition

441.2.2 American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), Latest Edition

441.2.3 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), Latest Edition

441.3 MATERIALS.

441.3.1 RETROREFLECTIVE PREFORMED PLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKING MATERIAL

441.3.1.1 Retroreflective preformed plastic pavement marking material shall consist of white or yellow weather-resistant reflective film conforming to the requirements set forth herein. The material shall be manufactured and packaged in such a manner as to permit storage at normal shelf temperature for a period of not less than two years from date of purchase. Prefabricated legends and symbols shall conform to the applicable shapes, sizes, and color as outlined in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

441.3.1.1.1 COMPOSITION: The retroreflective preformed plastic markings shall consist of high-quality plastic materials, pigments, and 1.5 index glass beads uniformly distributed throughout their cross-sectional area, with a reflective layer of beads embedded in the top surface. Materials will be furnished with the appropriate adhesive system recommended by the manufacturer for successful installation.

441.3.1.1.2 SKID RESISTANCE: The surface of the retroreflective preformed plastic marking material shall provide a minimum skid resistance value of 50 BPN when tested according to ASTM E 303-667.

441.3.1.1.3 COLOR: The retroreflective preformed plastic marking material shall be white or yellow in accordance with MUTCD unless otherwise specified.

441.3.1.1.4 THICKNESS: The thickness of the retroreflective preformed plastic marking material without adhesive shall be 60 mils (0.06").

441.3.1.1.5 DURABILITY AND WEAR RESISTANCE: The retroreflective preformed plastic pavement marking material, when properly applied, shall provide a neat, durable marking. The preformed plastic marking material shall provide a cushioned resilient substrate that reduces bead crushing and loss. The film shall be weather resistant and, through normal traffic wear, shall show no appreciable fading, lifting, or shrinkage within three years after installation, and shall show no significant tearing, rollback, or other signs of poor adhesion.

441.3.1.1.6 CONFORMABILITY AND RESEALING: The retroreflective preformed plastic marking material shall be capable of conforming to pavement contours, breaks, faults, etc., through the action of traffic at normal pavement temperatures. The film shall have resealing characteristics such that it is capable of fusing with itself and previously applied marking film of the same composition under normal conditions of use.

441.3.1.1.7 TENSILE STRENGTH: Retroreflective preformed plastic marking material shall have a minimum tensile strength of 40 pounds per square inch of cross section when tested according to ASTM D 638. A test specimen six (6) inches by one (1) inch by 0.06 inch minimum thickness shall be tested at a temperature range of 70 to 80 degrees F using a jaw speed of 0.25 inch per minute.

441.3.1.1.8 ELONGATION: Retroreflective preformed plastic marking material shall have a minimum elongation of 50% when tested in accordance with ASTM D 638.

441.3.1.1.9 PLASTIC PULL TEST: Retroreflective preformed plastic marking material shall support a dead weight of four pounds for not less than five minutes at a temperature range of 70 to 80 degrees F. Test specimen size shall be six (6) inches by one (1) inch by 0.06 inch minimum thickness.

441.3.1.1.10 PIGMENTATION: The pigment for retroreflective preformed plastic marking material shall be selected and blended to provide a plastic which is white or

yellow conforming to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices through the expected life of the pavement marking plastic.

441.3.1.1.11 GLASS BEADS

441.3.1.1.11.1 The glass beads for retroreflective preformed plastic marking material shall be colorless and have a minimum index of refraction of 1.50 when tested using the liquid oil immersion method. The size and quality of the beads will be such that performance requirements shall be met.

441.3.1.1.11.2 The retroreflective preformed plastic marking material shall have glass retention qualities such that when a two (2) inch by six (6) inch specimen is bent over a ½ inch diameter mandrel with the two (2) inch dimension perpendicular to the mandrel axis, a microscopic examination of the area on the mandrel shall show no more than 10% of the beads with entrapment by the binder of less than 40%.

441.3.1.1.11.3 Bead adhesion shall be such that beads are not easily removed when the film surface is scratched firmly with a thumbnail.

441.3.1.1.11.4 Applied as per manufacturer's recommendations, retroreflective preformed plastic marking material shall have an effective performance life of up to three years.

441.3.2 ACCEPTANCE: Acceptance of retroreflective preformed plastic pavement marking material will be based upon receipt of certificates of compliance and documentation that the material has been tested by an independent laboratory and conforms with specifications.

441.4 CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS.

441.4.1 The retroreflective preformed plastic pavement symbols, legends, stripes and marking shall be applied to the asphaltic and/or portland cement concrete pavement at the locations shown on the plans or as designated by the ENGINEER.

441.4.2 The asphaltic and/or portland cement concrete pavement surface shall be clean and free of moisture, soil or other deleterious substances. A brooming or compressed air method shall be utilized to clean the pavement surface.

441.4.3 If inlayed material is required in the plans, the reflectorized plastic marker material shall be applied to the roadway surface following the placement of bituminous pavement and before final rolling is completed at the locations shown on the plans or as designated by the ENGINEER.

441.4.4 Hot plastic retroreflective pavement marking will be considered by Traffic Engineering Operations Division as a substitute for cold plastic provided that installation is carried out per the manufacturer's specifications. Hot plastic shall be a minimum of 90 mil thickness for lane lines and 125 mil for transverse lines. Ten pound drop-on glass beads per 100 sq. ft. is required. All markings shall be alkyd thermoplastic.

441.4.5 CONTRACTOR shall remove all conflicting existing pavement markings.

441.4.6 When designated on the plans, the CONTRACTOR shall provide temporary lane delineation by placing a twelve (12) inch long strip of four (4) inch wide plastic temporary lane marking, forty (40) feet on center, on each new lift of asphalt surfacing including temporary asphalt connections, asphalt treated base course, asphaltic concrete base course, and asphaltic concrete surface course to cover a lapse in time before the final surfacing course and final striping is placed. After final striping is placed, any temporary lane lines remaining on the final surface course shall be removed.

441.4.7 COMPLIANCE WITH MUTCD: All retroreflective preformed plastic pavement markings shall conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

441.5 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT.

441.5.1 The retroreflective preformed plastic pavement stripes will be measured by the linear foot of either 4-inch, 8-inch, 12-inch, or 24-inch width, complete in place.

441.5.2 The retroreflective preformed plastic pavement cross walks will be measured by the linear foot of 8-inch width, complete in place.

441.5.3 The retroreflective preformed plastic pavement stop bars will be measured by the linear foot of 12-inch width, complete in place.

441.5.4 The retroreflective preformed plastic pavement symbols, legends and markings will be measured per unit, complete in place.

441.5.5 The retroreflective preformed plastic pavement temporary lane lines will be measured by the linear foot of 4-inch width, complete in place.

441.5.6 The accepted quantities of retroreflective

preformed plastic pavement stripes, stop bars, symbols, legends and temporary lane lines will be paid for at the contract unit price per unit of measurement for each of the pay items listed as shown on the bid proposal